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Events planned Feb. 7-8

GO METRO TO CHINATOWN FOR CHINESE NEW YEAR 2009 CELEBRATION

It's 4707, the year of the Ox, and the Chinese Lunar New Year celebration on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 7-8, in Los Angeles' Chinatown will be a festival of cultural entertainment and exciting events beginning with a traditional "lighting of one hundred thousand firecrackers," highlighted by the annual Firecracker Run followed by the Chinese New Year Festival. Streets will be closed and parking will be limited, but Metro can take you to the Chinatown Metro Gold Line Station—within easy walking distance from the festivities.

The Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Gold Line stops in Chinatown, where many events are within a block or two of the station. Metro Bus Lines 45, 76, 81, 83, 84, 90, 92, 94, and 96, DASH Lincoln Heights/Chinatown and DASH Downtown buses also serve the area.

The 31st annual Firecracker Run will kick-off this year with the 1st annual Fun Bike Ride, a 20-mile ride that will start at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7. The 10K race Sunday, Feb. 8, will include a 5K Fun Walk and Kiddie Run and is expected to draw 20,000.

A wide selection of food and booths, lion dancers, martial arts demonstrations, carnival games and other children's activities will be part of the Feb. 7 and 8 Chinese New Year Festival. Hours will be Feb. 7 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Feb. 8 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. These popular events are bound to draw substantial traffic so leave the car at home and go green, go Metro.

To plan your trip, use the Metro Trip Planner at www.metro.net or call 1-800-COMMUTE. For more information on the Firecracker Run, go to www.firecracker10K.org, or call 323-256-1363.

